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It is the mission of the Urbana Park District to:

- *Improve the quality of life of its citizens through a responsive, efficient, and creative park and recreation system,*
- *Pursue excellence in a variety of programs, parks, and special facilities that contribute to the attractiveness of neighborhoods, conservation of the environment, and the overall health of the community.*

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF MEETING
URBANA PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (UPDAC)
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026
6:00 PM
MEADOWBROOK PARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER
2808 S. RACE ST.
URBANA, IL 61802

I. **Call to Order – Welcome New Members and Introductions**

II. **Public Comment**
Any member of the public may make a brief statement at this time within the public participation rules of the Board.

III. **Approval of the Minutes**
A. August 25, 2026 Meeting

B. New Business
A. Strategic Plan Update
B. Year At-A-Glance: Programs and Events

C. Reports
A. UPDAC Chair
B. Board Representative
C. Director's Report
D. Capital Projects Report

D. UPDAC Member Comments and Open Discussion

E. Adjourn

Upcoming meetings:

October 27, 2026
November 24, 2026
December – NO MEETING
January 26, 2027
February 23, 2027

*****This month's secretary is Nicole Haglund *****

Note: The Meeting Agenda and Supporting Materials are on the UPD website at https://www.urbanaparks.org/urbana-park-district-advisory-committee-updac.

MEETING MINUTES
URBANA PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (UPDAC)
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026
6:00 PM
UPD PLANNING & OPERATIONS FACILITY
1011 E. KERR AVENUE
URBANA, IL 61801

The meeting of the Urbana Park District Advisory Committee (UPDAC) was held Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at the Urbana Park District (UPD) Planning & Operations Facility at 6:00 PM. The notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the park district administrative office and at the location of the meeting. Copies of the notice and agenda were received by each member of the committee and by local newspapers, radio, and television stations at least forty-eight hours before the meeting in compliance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois. A copy of the notice and agenda is attached to the minutes. Also available for inspection are all documents that were reviewed or approved at the meeting.

UPDAC Members	PRESENT	ABSENT
Eusebio Briseño	X	
Sara Curtis	X	
Juanita Rogers	X	
Lauren Karplus	X	
Sara Rand	X	
Carmen Franks	X	
Kathy Adams	X	
Nicole Haglund	X	
Sylena Harper		X
Matthew Fletcher		X
Sophie Meyn		X
Curtis Mason		X
Jeremy Walder		X
Martha McSims		X

Also in attendance were:

Jarrod Scheunemann
Scott Dossett
Katie Bickers
Amy Banner
Teagan Flowers
Payton Perry
Christina Mott
Derek Liebert
Andy Rousseau
Corky Emberson
Laura Orcutt
Janet Soesbe
Ruth Lean
Meredith Blumthal

I. **Call to Order & Introductions**

Eusebio Briseño called the meeting to order while making introductions.

II. **Public Comment**

There were no comments from members of the public.

III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A. May 26, 2026 UDPAC Meeting

Matt Fletcher made a motion with a second by Sara Rand to approve the May 26, 2026 UPDAC Meeting Minutes. All said "aye", motion passed.

B. June 23, 2026 UPDAC Meeting

Lauren Karplus made a motion with a second by Sara Rand to approve the June 23, 2026 UPDAC Meeting Minutes. All said "aye", motion passed.

IV. **New Business**

A. Park Report Card

Andy Rousseau thanked UPDAC members for participating in the Park Report Card process, which is part of the strategic planning process and will be heavily used by staff. He also noted there are still a few available spots if anyone else is interested in participation.

Jarrod Scheunemann from Campfire Concepts introduced himself and stated that his organization often focuses on marketing and strategic planning efforts. He provided information on participating in the Park Report Card process and suggested keeping these tenants in mind: safety, cleanliness, upkeep, accessibility & inclusion, aesthetic value, and connectivity. The group further discussed the process and important components of parks, including providing a sense of space, serving as a third space, a place for information, and helping people feel included (*You Belong Here*). They next discussed the basics of the report card and areas to be evaluated, including parking lots, courts, fields, signage, ADA accessibility, trails, and other general considerations. They discussed using all your senses to evaluate the area, and to note inconsistencies, subtle deficiencies, natural and man-made components, and safety considerations through the Report Card process.

V. **Reports**

A. UPDAC Chair

There was no additional update from the UPDAC Chair.

B. Board Representative

Commissioner Blumthal reported that UPDAC members are invited to the Jazz Walk on Friday, September 11, 2026 starting at 4:00 PM for a meet-and-greet with the

Urbana Parks Foundation.

C. Director's Report
Staff noted that there is a vacancy on the Urbana Park District Board of Commissioners and informed everyone that if they're interested in running for the position they can pick up a packet of information from the UPD administration office.

D. Capital Projects Report
Staff commented that the Health & Wellness Center was closed for last week and a half for improvement projects, including resealing wood floors, installation of a concrete board walk, and parking lot re-striping. They also noted that the Busey Woods bridge will be replaced in the coming months and the project is out for bid currently.

VI. **UPDAC Member Comments and Open Discussion**
Sara Rand commented that she was disappointed that art projects were in the grass, making them inaccessible.

Eusebio Briseño commented that the Health & Wellness staff are doing phenomenal with youth sports leagues and to keep up the good work.

VII. **Adjourn**
Eusebio Briseño adjourned the meeting.